

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**\_\_\_\_\_

1. (currently amended) A thermal device for applying thermal energy to the body of a  
2 person, animal or other surface, comprising:

degermed ~~corn~~ grain; and

4 an enclosure configured to enclose said degermed ~~corn~~ grain.

2. (original) The thermal device of Claim 1, wherein said enclosure is made from  
2 fabric.

3. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 1, wherein said degermed ~~corn~~  
2 grain is kiln dried.

4. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 1, wherein said degermed ~~corn~~  
2 grain is oven dried.

5. (original) The thermal device of Claim 1, wherein said enclosure is generally  
2 rectangular.

6. (currently amended) A thermal device for applying thermal energy to the body of a  
2 person, animal or other surface, comprising ~~segmented~~ degermed grain configured to  
accept thermal energy.

7. (currently amended) A method of applying thermal energy to the body of a person,  
animal or other surface, comprising:

providing a thermal device including ~~segmented~~ degermed grain;

subjecting said thermal device to thermal energy; and

applying said thermal device to a surface to be treated.

8. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 7, wherein said ~~segmented~~  
degermed grain is corn.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 7, wherein said ~~segmented~~  
degermed grain is embryo-free corn.

11. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 10, wherein said ~~degermed~~ embryo-  
free corn dissipates thermal energy relatively slowly.

12. (currently amended) A thermal device for applying thermal energy to the body of a  
person, animal or other surface, comprising:

~~segmented~~ degermed organic filler; and

4 a receptacle configured to enclose said ~~segmented~~ degermed organic  
filler.

13. (currently amended) The thermal aid of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~ degermed  
2 organic filler is degermed grain.

14. (currently amended) The thermal aid of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~ degermed  
2 organic filler is embryo-free grain.

15. (currently amended) The thermal aid of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~ degermed  
2 organic filler is kiln-dried grain.

16. (currently amended) The thermal device of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~  
2 degermed organic filler is oven dried.

17. (currently amended) The thermal aid of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~ degermed  
2 organic filler is dissected grain.

18. (currently amended) The thermal aid of Claim 12, wherein said ~~segmented~~ degermed  
2 organic filler is corn.

19. (original) The thermal device of Claim 12, wherein receptacle is generally  
2 rectangular.

20. (currently amended) A method of making a thermal device, comprising:

2 providing grain;

segmenting said grain to provide degermed grain; and

4 enclosing said ~~segmented~~ degermed grain in an enclosure.

21. (original) The method of Claim 20, wherein said segmenting comprises:

2 cleaning the grain to remove foreign material;

tempering the grain;

4 removing the embryo;

sifting out undesirable elements to produce a resulting grain; and

6 drying said resulting grain.

22. (new) The thermal device of Claim 1, wherein said degermed grain is corn.